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distance from the central point or key relative to each other key. Each key represents a character and/or symbol. In the case of an alphabet, the keys representing the characters of the alphabet may be arranged alphabetically. In another form, the present invention provides a system and method for data entry wherein the distance between input keys or choices of an input device are minimized by providing a central reference point wherein a selection medium returns to the reference point after each input/key selection. --

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the priority applications.

To meet the requirements of the United States, the Abstract (as originally filed in the PCT application) is added.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US00/22655, filed August 18, 2000, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on February 22, 2001 in English; and which claims benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/149,552 filed on August 18, 1999 [entitled "keyboard Layout and Data-Entry Method].--

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